

The embodiments of the invention in which an exclusive property or privilege is claimed are defined as follows:

1. A process for making a fiber product, comprising:
 providing never-dried, waste fiber from a virgin fiber source;
 dewatering said waste fiber;
 flaking said waste fiber; and
 drying said waste fiber.
2. The process of Claim 1, wherein a treatment substance is added to the fiber.
3. The process of Claim 2, wherein said treatment substance comprises sodium silicate.
4. The process of claim 2, wherein said treatment substance comprises Bero1™ 509.
5. The process of Claim 1, wherein said dewatering step comprises passing the waste fiber through a screw press.
6. The process of Claim 1, wherein said flaking step comprises passing the waste fiber through a pin mill.
7. The process of Claim 1, wherein said drying step comprises utilizing a substantial portion of recovered heat from a pulping process.
8. The process of claim 1, wherein said drying step comprises the use of belt dryer.
9. The process of claim 1, wherein the fiber product is used for animal bedding.
10. A process for making animal bedding, comprising:
 providing never-dried waste fiber from a virgin fiber source;
 dewatering said waste fiber;
 flaking said waste fiber; and
 drying said waste fiber.

11. The process of claim 10, wherein said drying step comprises utilizing a substantial portion of recovered heat from a pulping process.